

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Payment of advances to Vana Samrakshana Samithi (VSS) in Forest Department – Direct e-payment to the VSS Bank Accounts by the PAO (W&P) - Orders - Issued.

FINANCE (EBS.X) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 179

Dated:23- 08-2014

Read the following:-

- Ref: 1. From the Director of Works Accounts, Hyderabad, Lr.No.DWA/
Hyd/Sn.II/A-8/2014-15, Dt: -07-2014.
2. Govt.Memo.No.1453-A/79/EBS.X/A1/14 Finance, Dt.31-07-2014.

ORDER:-

At present, all the advance payments to the Vana Samrakshana Samithis (VSS) of Forest Department are being made by PAO (W&P) through authorizations to Divisional Forest Officers, who in turn issue physical cheques in favor of VSS.

2. Government has been taking several measures in streamlining the process of payments to various beneficiaries. The main thrust being eliminating discretion in payments and giving direct credit to the beneficiary account and avoiding issue of physical cheques and intermediate parking of funds either in PD Account or in S.B. Accounts.

3. In the similar lines, Government has been intending to make payments of advances to VSS of Forest Department directly to the VSS's bank account by the PAO (W&P) instead of giving authorization to DFO.

4. Accordingly in the reference 1st read above, a proposal has been received from the Director of Works Accounts, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad detailing the process of direct e-payment to the VSSs' Bank Accounts.

5. Government, after careful examination and after consulting Forest Department Officials, have decided to implement the procedure of e-payments to the VSSs' Bank Accounts, dispensing with the existing procedure of authorization.

6. The process of online bill preparation, submission, scrutiny and payment is briefly detailed below:-

- a. Details of VSS viz., VSS name, village, mandal etc., along with the Bank Account must be entered in BMS. Utmost care must be taken by the concerned while entering the above details as the payments are to be made based on these details only. This is a onetime exercise in respect one VSS.
- b. Details of Sanction orders issued by the DFO viz, sanction order reference no, date and amount must be entered in the system.
- c. Bill must be prepared based on the sanction orders issued.
- d. Bill details must be verified and confirmed by the next higher authority than the person who prepared the bill. Separate login would be provided for the DFO for this purpose.
- e. Bill must be submitted online in BMS portal and Physical bill is to be submitted to the PAO (W&P) concerned.
- f. Payment is subject to availability of LOC.

7. Important points for bill preparation and documents to be submitted with bill:
 - a) Bill must be preferred in Hand Receipt Form.
 - b) One bill may be preferred for one Head of Account and any number of VSS can be included in one bill.
 - c) Copy of the resolution of the VSS requesting for release of funds must be enclosed to the bill (Form-VA-2).
 - d) Copy of the Sanctioned order issued by the DFO releasing funds must be enclosed to the bill (Form-VA-4).
 - e) Advance Stamped Receipt from the VSS.

7. The decision as regards to which VSS to pay, when to pay, how much to pay and under what head of account is entirely at the discretion of the concerned DFO. Bills can be submitted by the DFO on all the working days. Payment authorization would be given by Government as per the schedule given in G.O.Ms.No.3 Finance (W&P) Department, Dt.28-02-2014.

8. The Director of Works Accounts (DOWA) is instructed to issue detailed operational guidelines in this regard and also impart training to the concerned.

9. These orders shall come into force with effect from 01-10-2014.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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PRINCIPAL FINANCE SECRETARY

To
The E.F.S & T. Department.

Copy to:-

The Prl. Chief Conservator of Forest, A.P., Hyderabad

The Accountant General, A.P., Hyderabad.

The Director of Works Accounts, Hyderabad.

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SECTION OFFICER